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4073. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Indians are less financially protected against major illnesses than their counterparts in other South East Asian countries as according to the Health Matters Index, 2006, a survey conducted by Tata AIG Life, around 71 per cent of Indians are not financially equipped to combat critical illnesses;

(b) if so, what are other main points mentioned in the survey report; and

(c) what are the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the house.

Strengthening of the immunization programme

4074. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the programmes and schemes being run by Government aiming to increase the proportion of children in the age group of 12-24 months fully immunized of BCG, Measles and three doses each of Polio/DPT;

(b) whether Government have evaluated the efficiency of the programme;

(c) whether there are any reports that, in spite of immunization the diseases has occurred; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) (a) Government is implementing the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) for providing protection to children against six vaccine preventable diseases namely tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, and Measles by providing vaccination.

(b) Yes Sir, Government of India regularly reviews the vaccination programme for children by conducting Coverage Evaluation surveys (CES), District Level House Hold surveys (DLHS) and National family Health surveys (NFHS). Latest CES was done in 2005 by UNICEF.

(c) and (d) There has been decline in reporting of vaccine preventable diseases after implementation of Universal Immunization Programme. However, in some States, diseases like measles, diphtheria have been reported in the past. Number of reported cases State-wise in the year 2005 and 2006 is given in the Statement.